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Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-12, 14-25 and 28-31 are allowed. The claims will be renumbered as 1-28. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as applicants properly point out starting on page 11 of the remarks, that "Both Osten and Harkin, alone or in a reasonable combination, fail to disclose or even suggest, a personal verification device that includes the "fingerprint sensor including a signal detection element and a signal amplification element," in which the signal detection element includes a capacitance detection electrode and a capacitance detection dielectric film that covers the capacitance detection electrode, and the signal amplification element being formed of a signal amplification thin film MIS semiconductor device which includes a gate electrode, a gate insulating film, and a semiconductor film, and the gate electrode being connected to the capacitance detection electrode, as recited in independent claim 1." Hence, and in view of applicants' arguments and amendments the anticipatory and obviousness rejections thereof to independent claim 1 is withdrawn, and making independent claim 1 allowable over Osten and Harkin, and since claims 2-12, 14-25 and 28-31 further restrict independent claim 1 they are allowable also.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion .

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL G. MARIAM whose telephone number is 571-272-7394. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MATTHEW BELLA can be reached on 571-272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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